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1. USDA WILLING TO MEET WITH BULGARIAN EXPERTS AT MUTUALLY
AGREED TIME THIS SPRING ON FOLLOWING BASIS:

--- A. SINCE OUR TRADING RELATIONS WITH POLAND AND ROMANIA
ARE MUCH MORE ADVANCED (INCLUDING MFN) THAN WITH BULGARIA
WE BELIEVE ANY DOCUMENT WHICH MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE NEGOTIATED
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TIATED WITH THE GOB SHOULD BE MORE MODEST IN SCOPE THAN

EITHER THE US-POLISH JOINT STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 8, 1974 OR
THE US-ROMANIAN PROTOCOL OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1975.

--- B. USDA'S PRIMARY INTEREST IN BULGARIA WOULD BE
EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC DATA, SPECIFIC AND DETAILED REPORTING
SCHEDULE WOULD HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED AND AGREED TO BEFORE
ANY KIND OF STATEMENT WOULD BE INITIALLED OR SIGNED.

--- C. BECAUSE USDA'S RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERA-
TION ARE STRETCHED TO LIMIT, COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AND
TECHNOLOGY WOULD HAVE TO BE LIMITED TO TWO OR THREE

PROJECTS FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE. IMPLEMENTATION WOULD
HAVE TO BE LIMITED ON USDA SIDE TO THE STUDY OF POSSIBLY
AUGMENTING THE EXISTING EXCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS AND
GENETIC MATERIALS. HOWEVER, BULGARIAN SCIENTISTS WOULD
GENERALLY BE WELCOME TO VISIT U.S. FACILITIES IN CONNEC-
TION WITH COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS.

--- D. WE BELIEVE NORMAL CHANNELS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO
COORDINATE THE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WE ANTICIPATE
UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT. THIS WOULD NOT REQUIRE, IN OTHER
WORDS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION OR ANY OTHER
SPECIAL BODIES; PERIODIC MEETINGS WOULD SUFFICE.

--- E. POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR VISITS BY US EXPERTS TO
BULGARIA TO STUDY COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF AGRO-
BUSINESSES AND RESOURCES. HOWEVER, WE THINK THE MOST
PROMISING RESULTS WILL COME FROM ENCOURAGING US PRIVATE
SECTOR TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS AREA.
IN THIS REGARD YOU MIGHT WISH TO EXPLAIN THE DIVISION
OF LABOR BETWEEN USDA AND USDOC TO BULGARIAN OFFICIALS.

2. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO TELL BULGARIANS AT APPROPRIATE
LEVEL THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE A SMALL TEAM OF
AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS AT MUTUALLY AGREED TIME THIS SPRING

WE STRONGLY BELIEVE BULGARIAN TEAM SHOULD INCLUDE ONE
OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGEABLE ON BULGARIAN AGRICULTURAL AND
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